



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
4 December 2019  
Our ref: 5772568

Thank you for your request received on 6 November 2019, for the following information:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information from your authority on the number of empty homes:**

**How many homes are currently deemed as long-term vacant in your local authority i.e. have been empty for over six months?**

**How many of these properties have been vacant for over a) five years and b) ten years?**

**How many Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOS) has your authority used in 2019 to date? How many were used in each of the previous four calendar years (2018; 2017; 2016; 2015)?**

**I should prefer to receive these in electronic format at this email address.**

**It would be helpful if you were to provide any brief notes which might be necessary to understand the context of the information provided, although I recognise that you are not obliged to do this. If for any reason you feel this request is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact me on XXX or email XXXXX**

**If the information requested contains sections of confidential information, please blank out or remove these sections, and mark clearly that they have been removed.**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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(a) 120 (b) 43.

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Nil

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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